



YEAR 5

St Michael's VA Junior School

Happy New Year! We are looking forward to continuing to help children reach their full potential, encouraging them to become more independent, to show initiative and to put effort into their learning to help them progress. We are also committed to helping those children who need more support than others to feel settled and happy at school.

Curriculum News

English:

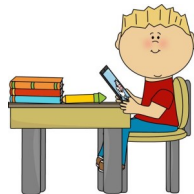
We will continue to become confident writers and to extend our vocabulary through learning and performing various poems and writing a report about some flying frogs!



We continue to develop the children's understanding of texts through carefully planned questioning during guided reading and through our whole class readers.

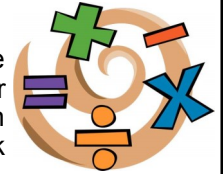
Subjects:

Science - Space, habitats.
 Design and technology - Seasonality of crops.
 Primary Languages - French.
 Art - Sketching and watercolours.
 RE - What Jesus means to Christians.
 PE - Invasion Games: netball, hockey and rugby.
 Gymnastics in the hall.



Maths:

All groups have regular assessments and we use these to help us find, then fill the gaps in their learning. The children are encouraged to push themselves and try the medium and high risk work when possible.



Arithmetic is taught weekly and problem solving runs through all lessons. There is a greater focus on the understanding of fractions whilst continuing to cover the four main number operations.

To help the children to recall their multiplication facts quickly they will continue to take part in 'Challenge 99' and try to beat their previous scores or times. Certificates will be given out for completion of a challenge.

Homework:

Children should continue to work on Maths Whizz and aim to complete at least 60 minutes per week. Some of this will be in school time. Maths Whizz club is on Wednesday lunchtimes.

English homework involves reading and spellings. If your child is a fluent reader, please focus on discussing the meaning of the text, the characters and the language. A spelling list for the term will accompany this newsletter.

Projects for this half term will be focused on our Science topic of Space. A letter will follow detailing this.



Games and PE

Year 5 have Games or PE on Wednesday afternoons. Please make sure that your child has a light blue t-shirt, navy blue shorts and trainers. During the cold weather please ensure that they also have jogging bottoms and a warm top. Earrings must be removed or taped and long hair needs to be tied up.



Sickness:

Please note that if children are sick, allow 24 hours after the last bout of sickness before sending them back to school.



At the end of the Spring term we will be visiting a farm where we will learn about seasonality and crops. A letter will follow closer to the time.



Keeping in Touch: If you have had a change of address or telephone number, please would you inform the office of this so that the school can get in touch. It is also useful as important information is often sent out as text messages. There is more information on the school website and a blog.